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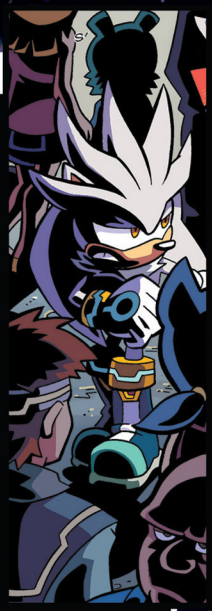

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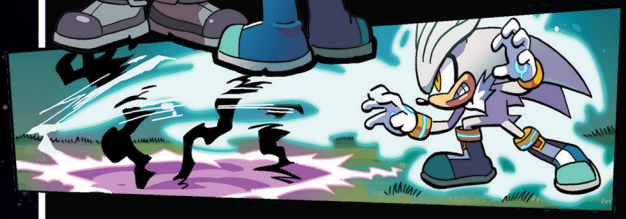

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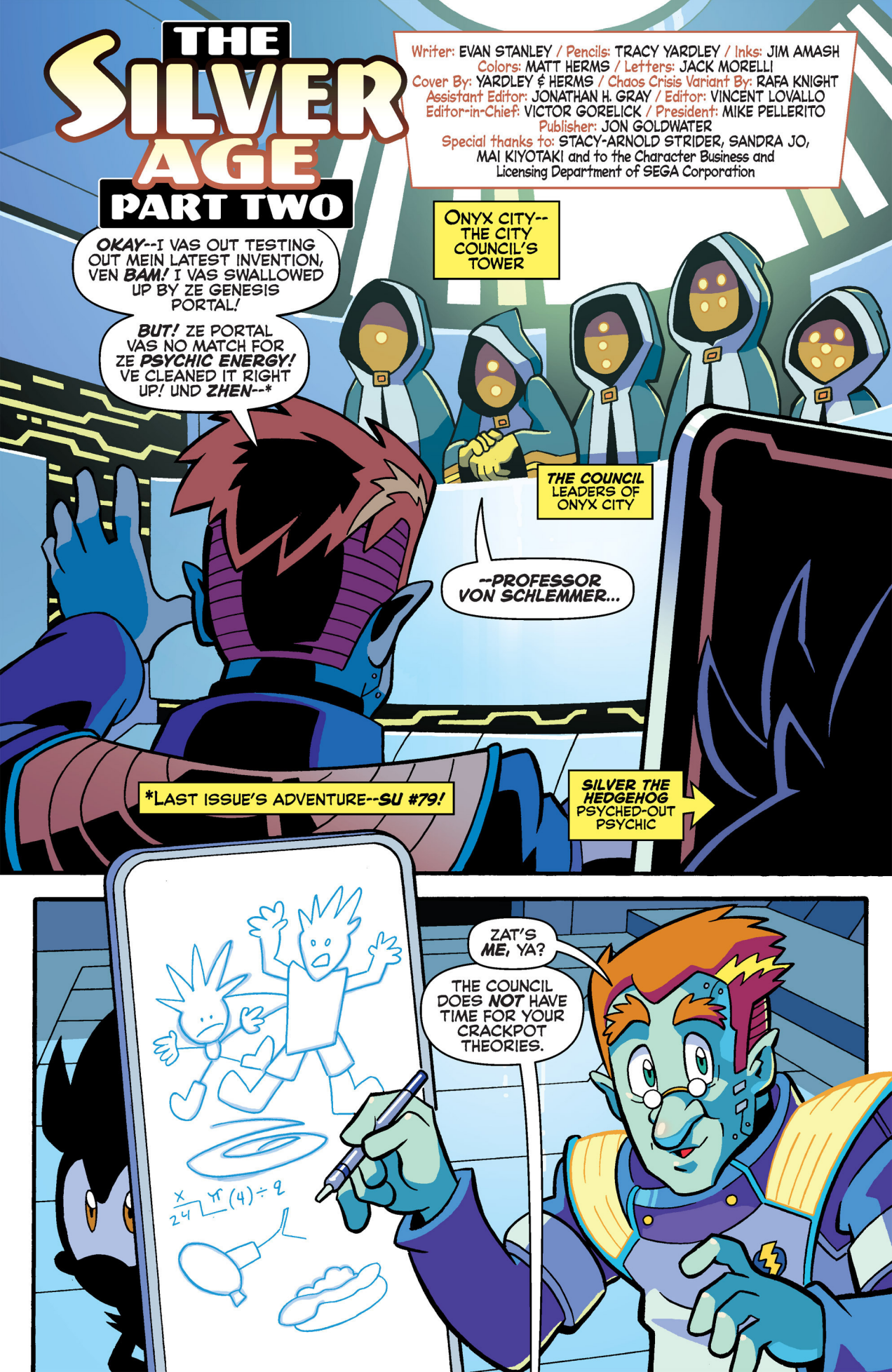
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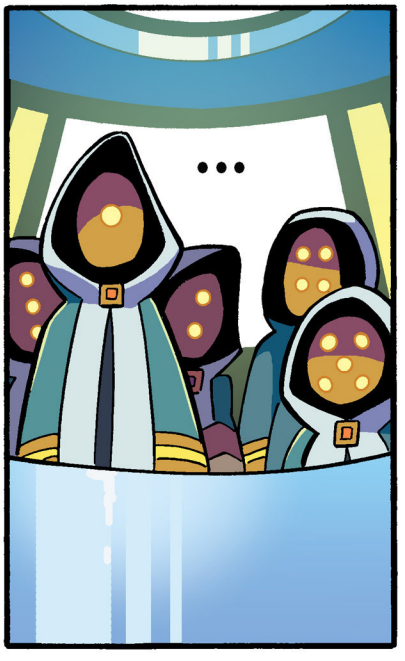
OKAY--I VAS OUT TESTING OUT MEIN LATEST INVENTION, VEN BAM! I VAS SWALLOWED UP BY ZE GENESIS PORTAL!
BUT! ZE PORTAL VAS NO MATCH FOR ZE PSYCHIC ENERGY! VE CLEANED IT RIGHT UP! UND ZHEN--*
ONYX CITY-- THE CITY COUNCIL'S TOWER
THE COUNCIL LEADERS OF ONYX CITY
--PROFESSOR VON SCHLEMMER...
*LAST ISSUE'S ADVENTURE--SU #79!
SILVER THE HEDGEHOG PSYCHED-OUT PSYCHIC
ZAT'S ME, YA?
THE COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE TIME FOR YOUR CRACKPOT THEORIES.

WE HAVE IMPORTANT MATTERS TO ATTEND TO--
VAIT! I HAVE PROOF ZIS TIME!
YES?
TA DA!
WHA--
DO IT! ZE PSYCHIC THING!
I CAN'T! WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'LL--
YES?

Uh...SOME WEATHER WE'VE BEEN HAVING, Huh?


...

--DO NOT TROUBLE US AGAIN, PROFESSOR.

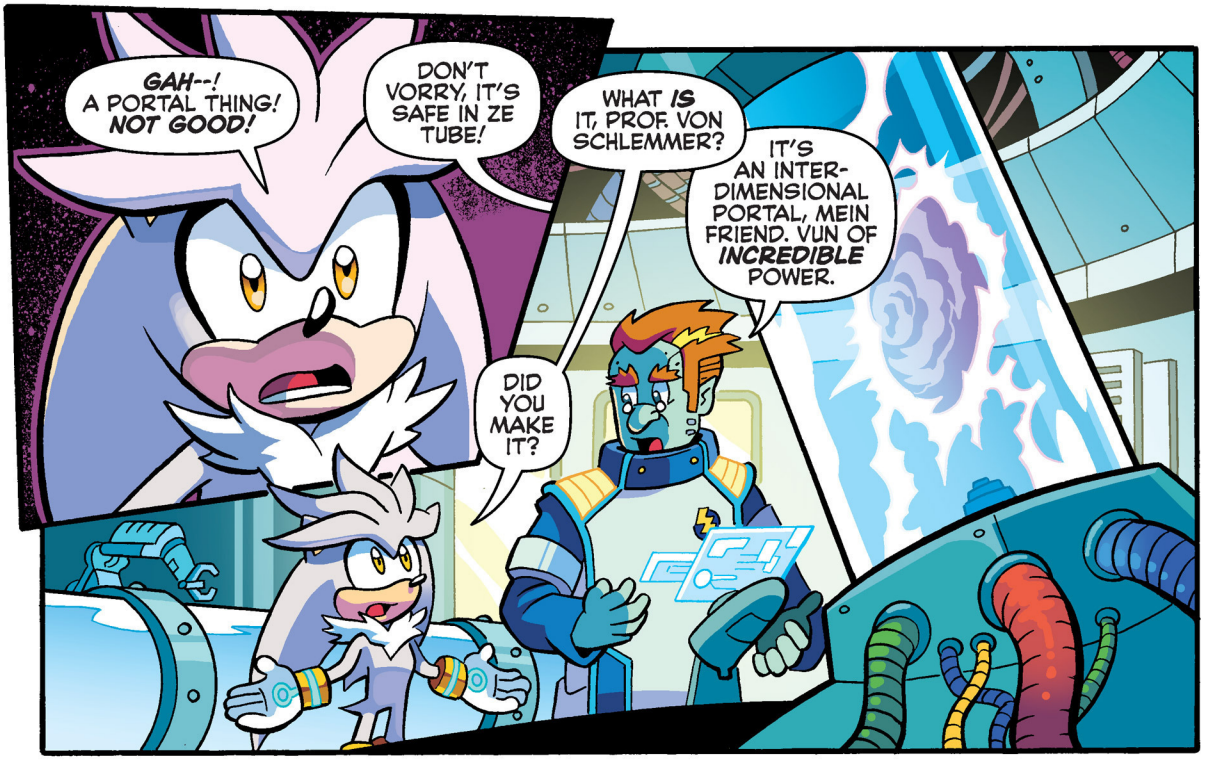
PHEW...
PROFESSOR...?
GOOD GOING, SILVER! IT'S NOT LIKE HE MEANT ANY HARM BY IT. MAYBE I SHOULD'VE TRUSTED THE PROFESSOR AFTER ALL--
dinggg
Young one... if you truly have the power to stop this, return here *tonight...!*
WHA--
WHAT WAS *THAT?!*

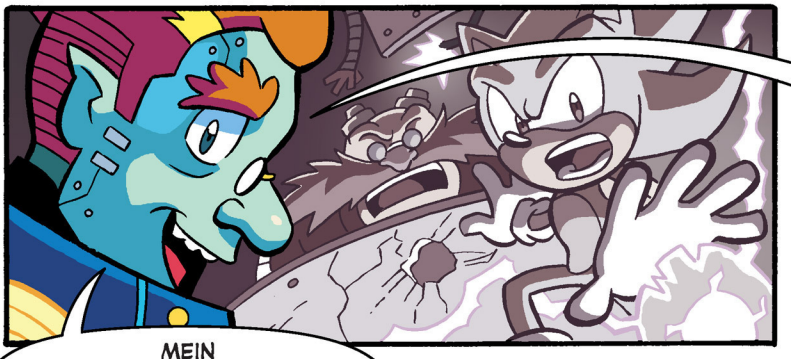
I'LL FIGURE THAT OUT LATER...!
PROFESSOR, WAIT! I--
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, REALLY! I FROZE UP, AND--
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MEIN FRIEND. I GET IT.
VON SCHLEMMER MAKES A JOKE OF HIMSELF, AS USUAL.
Aww, DON'T SAY THAT...!
ACH, IT'S NOT ZE FIRST TIME...
I ALWAYS FORGET HOW MUCH IT HURTS, THOUGH.

VELL, HERE VE ARE.
BEEP
PROF. VO SCHLEMM
REALLY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY...
HELLO! YES, YOU GOT ME!
01101000 01101001!!
BOING
WHAT ARE THOSE?
ZE BITS? ZHEY'RE JUST AUTO-EVOLVING, POLY-CONSCIOUS A.I. ZAT I WHIPPED UP. ZHEY HAVE ZE CAPABILITIES TO LEARN UND DEVELOP PERSONALITIES...
IF YOU VANT, ZHEY CAN MAKE A MEAN LATTE!
WOW! DO YOU HAVE A LOT OF INVENTIONS?
OOOH HOO HOO, DO I!
TA-DA!
Uh...?

WHAT'S--
ZIS IS ZE "DELICATE LASER DEVICE"!
IT DOESN'T LOOK VERY DELICATE...
YOU SHOULD HAFF SEEN ZE "CONSIDERABLY LESS DELICATE LASER DEVICE"!
HERE IS ZE "SPINNER SHAKER," UND ZAT'S ZE "ALL-PURPOSE EXERCISE MACHINE AND JUICER," UND--
Ooh! ZE "BIGGER-MAKER MACHINE"! ZAT'S A FAVORITE.
"BIGGER-MAKER MACHINE"...??
I'LL SHOW YOU--READY, BITS?
01001111 01001011!
BIP
BOOP
JUST LIKE ZE NAME...
BOING
WHOA!
...IT MAKES ZHINGS BIGGER!
SHAZAP

PROFESSOR, YOU'RE CRAZY! BUT I MEAN, LIKE, GOOD CRAZY, NOT CRAZY-CRAZY.
VHY ZHANK YOU! SANITY'S OVERRATED, I ALWAYS SAY.
OKAY YOU THREE, ZAT'S ENOUGH!
ZAPP
BUT NONE OF ZAT CAN HOLD A CANDLE TO...
VHAT I'VE BEEN VORKING ON LATELY.


GAH--! A PORTAL THING! NOT GOOD!
DON'T VORRY, IT'S SAFE IN ZE TUBE!
WHAT IS IT, PROF. VON SCHLEMMER?
IT'S AN INTER-DIMENSIONAL PORTAL, MEIN FRIEND. VUN OF INCREDIBLE POWER.
DID YOU MAKE IT?



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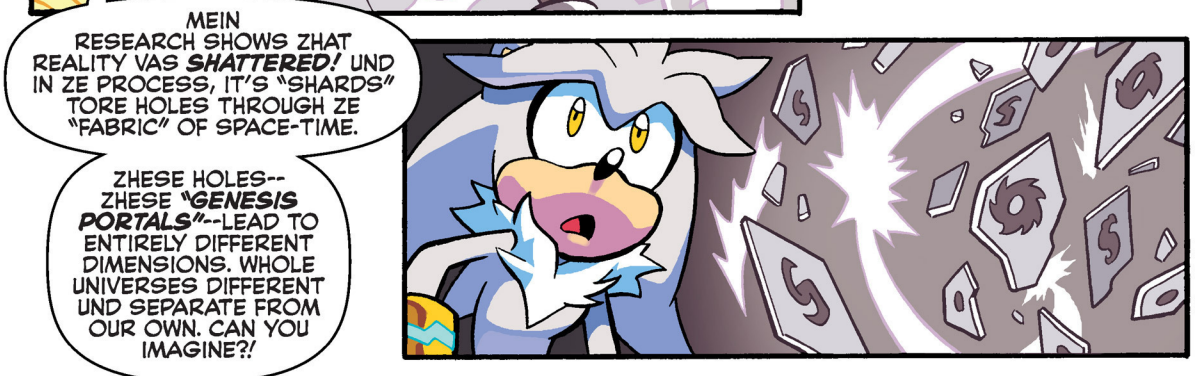
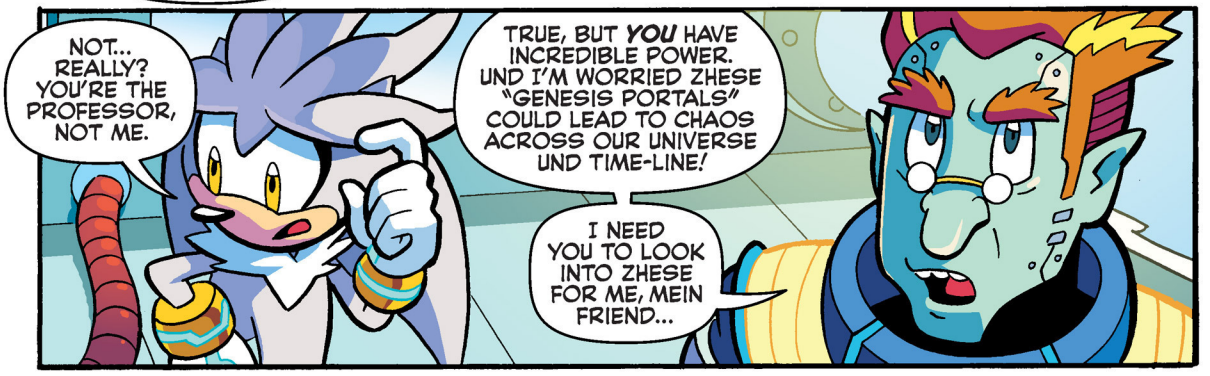
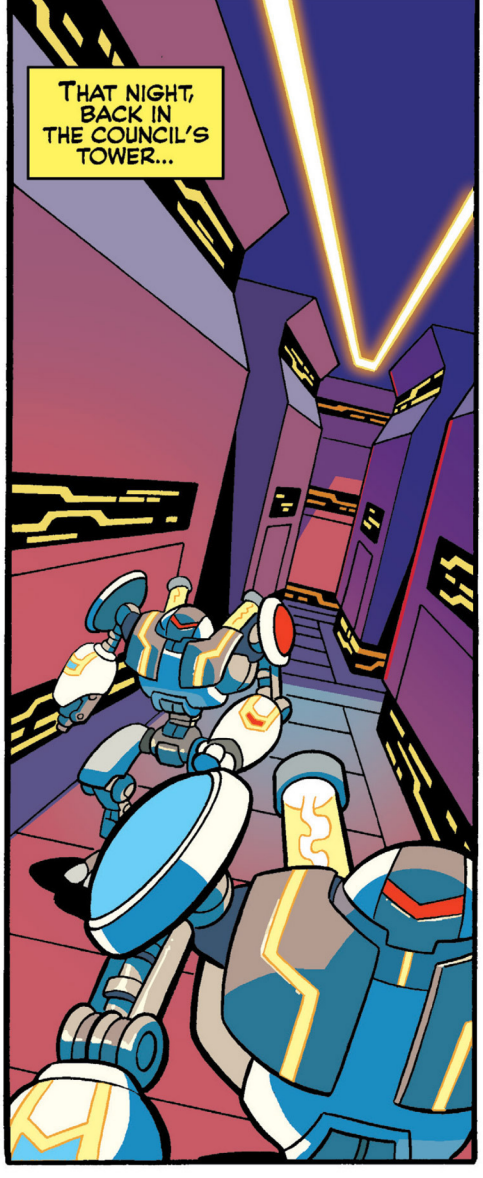
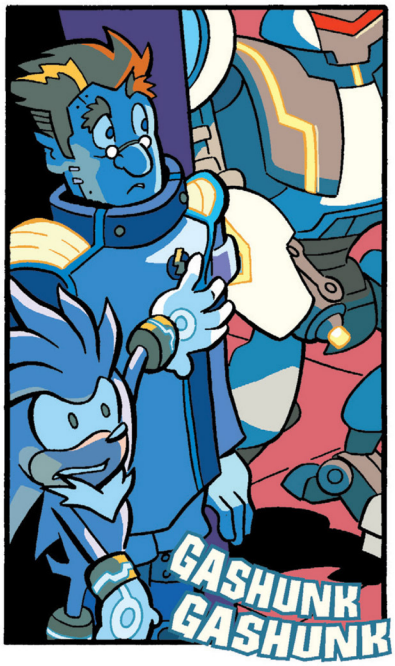

MEIN RESEARCH SHOWS ZHAT REALITY VAS SHATTERED! UND IN ZE PROCESS, IT'S "SHARDS" TORE HOLES THROUGH ZE "FABRIC" OF SPACE-TIME.
ZHESE HOLES-- ZHESE "GENESIS PORTALS"--LEAD TO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS. WHOLE UNIVERSES DIFFERENT UND SEPARATE FROM OUR OWN. CAN YOU IMAGINE?!


NOT... REALLY? YOU'RE THE PROFESSOR, NOT ME.
TRUE, BUT YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE POWER. UND I'M WORRIED ZHESE "GENESIS PORTALS" COULD LEAD TO CHAOS ACROSS OUR UNIVERSE UND TIME-LINE!
I NEED YOU TO LOOK INTO ZHESE FOR ME, MEIN FRIEND...

ZHAT IS, IF I KNEW VERE TO LOOK! ZE PORTALS ARE SLIPPERY, UND IT'S ONLY GETTING VORSE!
ZHERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT...
THIS IS ALL WAY OVER MY HEAD... I COULD JUST GO, AND--
--AND LEAVE THE PROFESSOR TO DEAL WITH THIS ON HIS OWN...
PROFESSOR...
dinggg
Young one, if you truly have the power to stop this, return here tonight...!
I THINK I KNOW WHAT TO DO.


THAT NIGHT, BACK IN THE COUNCIL'S TOWER...

Ooh, I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE AFTER-HOURS! HOW EXCITING!
GYAH!
PROFES-SOR-- QUIET!
VHAT? VHY DO VE HAFF TO BE QUIET?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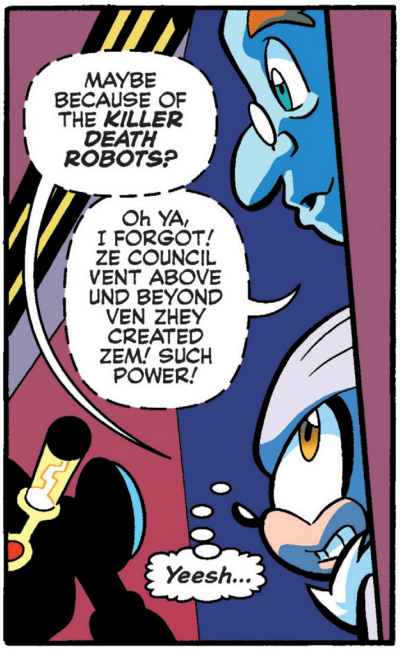
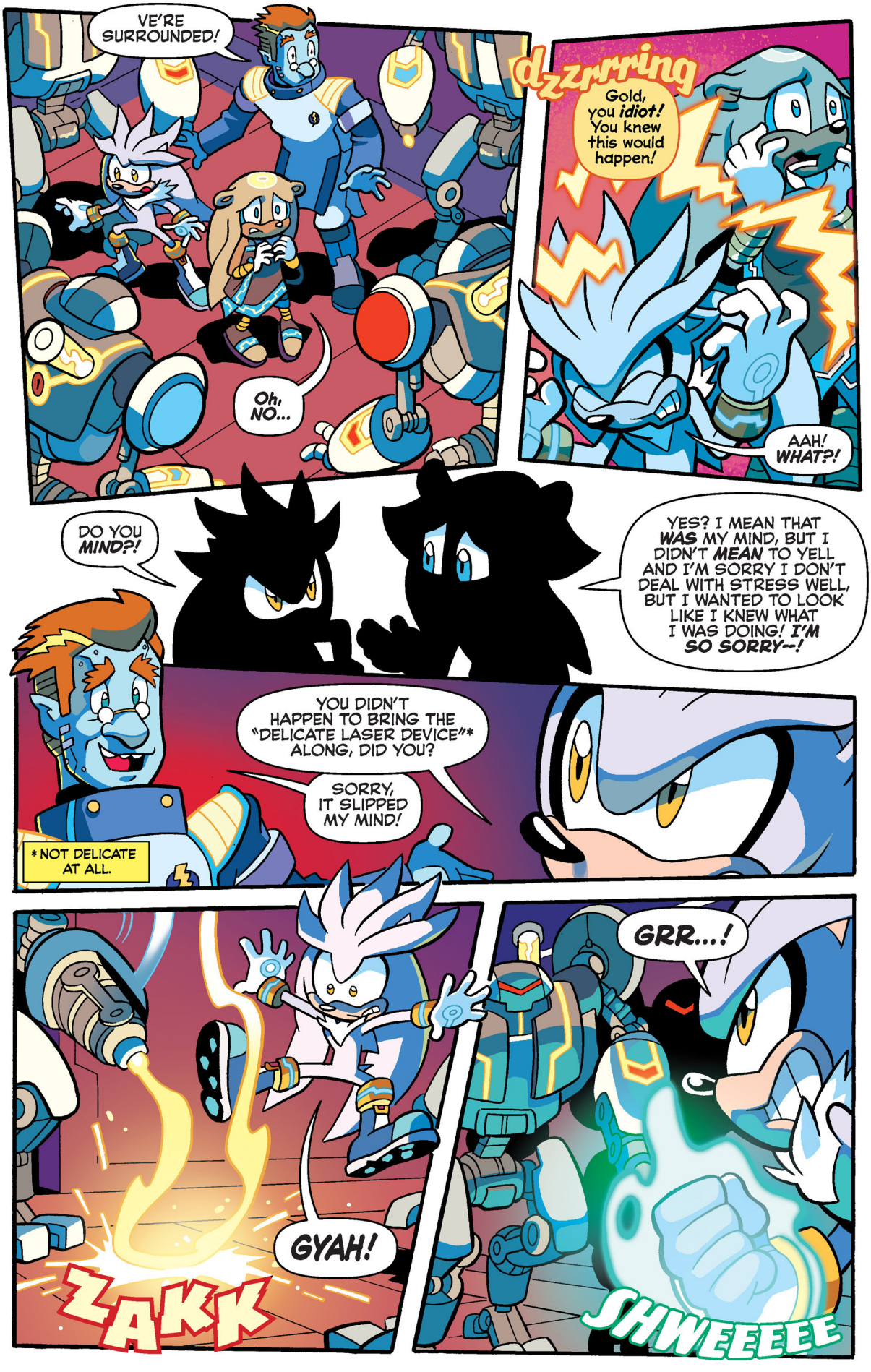

MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE KILLER DEATH ROBOTS?
Oh YA, I FORGOT! ZE COUNCIL VENT ABOVE UND BEYOND VEN ZHEY CREATED ZEM! SUCH POWER!
Yeesh...

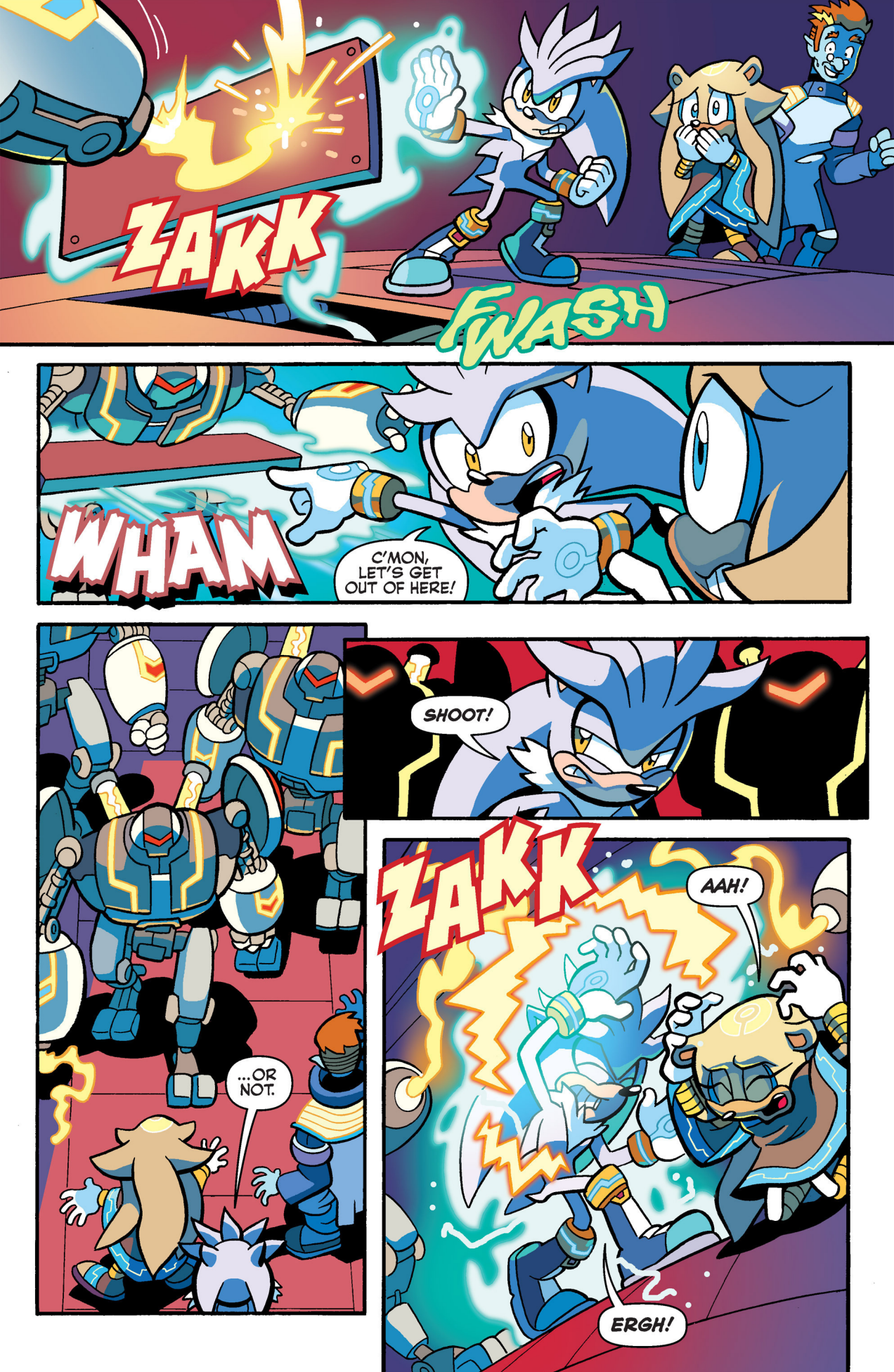
dinggg
So you have returned...

Come. I will guide you.
WHO ARE YOU? WHERE ARE YOU?
I THOUGHT I VAS ZE FORGETFUL ONE!
WHAT? NO, IT'S THE VOICE THING AGAIN--
LOOK NO FURTHER.
To know my true power would bring doom upon us all-- just know that I am an ally.
As for where I am...

WHA--
A MEMBER OF ZE COUNCIL?!
THE COUNCIL CANNOT SEE BEYOND THEIR AMBITION. BUT I...
I INTEND TO LIVE FOR SOMETHING MORE. YOU MAY CALL ME...GOLD.
LET US LEAVE HERE. THERE IS LITTLE TIME LEFT, AND MUCH FOR ME TO EXPLAIN--
THE SITUATION SEEMS CLEAR TO US.

COUNCILWOMAN, YOUR *THOUGHTS* HAVE LED YOU ASTRAY...YOU WILL FACE CONSEQUENCES, ALONG WITH THESE FOOLS.
YES.
NO! *PLEASE!* IT WAS ALL ME, DON'T--
TAKE THEM.


VE'RE SURROUNDED!
Oh, NO...
dzzrrrring
Gold, you idiot! You knew this would happen!
AAH! WHAT?!
DO YOU MIND?!
YES? I MEAN THAT WAS MY MIND, BUT I DIDN'T MEAN TO YELL AND I'M SORRY I DON'T DEAL WITH STRESS WELL, BUT I WANTED TO LOOK LIKE I KNEW WHAT I WAS DOING! I'M SO SORRY--!
YOU DIDN'T HAPPEN TO BRING THE "DELICATE LASER DEVICE"* ALONG, DID YOU?
SORRY, IT SLIPPED MY MIND!
*NOT DELICATE AT ALL.
ZAKK
GYAH!
GRR...!
SHWEEEEE


ZAKK
FWASH
WHAM
C'MON, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
SHOOT!
...OR NOT.
ZAKK
AAH!
ERGH!

KRUNCH
SHWEEEEEE
RRAH!
GOOD VORK, MEIN FRIEND! ONE DOWN, FIFTY MORE TO GO!
FIFTY?!
KA-ZAKK
--GYAAAARGH!
I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I--
ZAKK
NO...!
ZAKK
YES. NOW...
LET US BEGIN.

UGH, WHAT...?
DON'T DO THIS!
YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME! SOMETHING IS WAITING OUT THERE, WANTING TO GET IN--
WE HAVE HEARD YOUR STORIES BEFORE... WE WILL NOT LET FAIRY TALES STAND IN THE WAY OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.
YES.
BIP
START
KLL-RRAK
KLLLLLL
EEEYAH!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! DON'T MAKE ME-- DON'T MAKE ME DO IT--!

EEEEAGH--*!!
VHAT DO YOU ZHINK YOU'RE DOING?!
ZHIS ISN'T SCIENCE! NO COMPASSION, NO CONTROL-- ZHIS--ZHIS IS TORTURE!
WE THE COUNCIL EXIST TO FURTHER THE PURSUIT OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY. THOSE WHO STAND IN OUR WAY...
...WILL BE BENT TO OUR WILL.

SHWEEEE
REJOICE; TODAY IS A GREAT DAY.
EEEEE
SHA-ZAPP

SHVORN
THE FIRST MAN-MADE GATEWAY THROUGH SPACE AND TIME...
...AND YOU TWO WILL BE THE FIRST TO PLUMB ITS DEPTHS!
OUR HEROES ARE TRAPPED!!
HOW WILL THEY SURVIVE, AND WHAT COULD BE WAITING FOR THEM INSIDE THE GENESIS PORTAL? FIND OUT NEXT TIME!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

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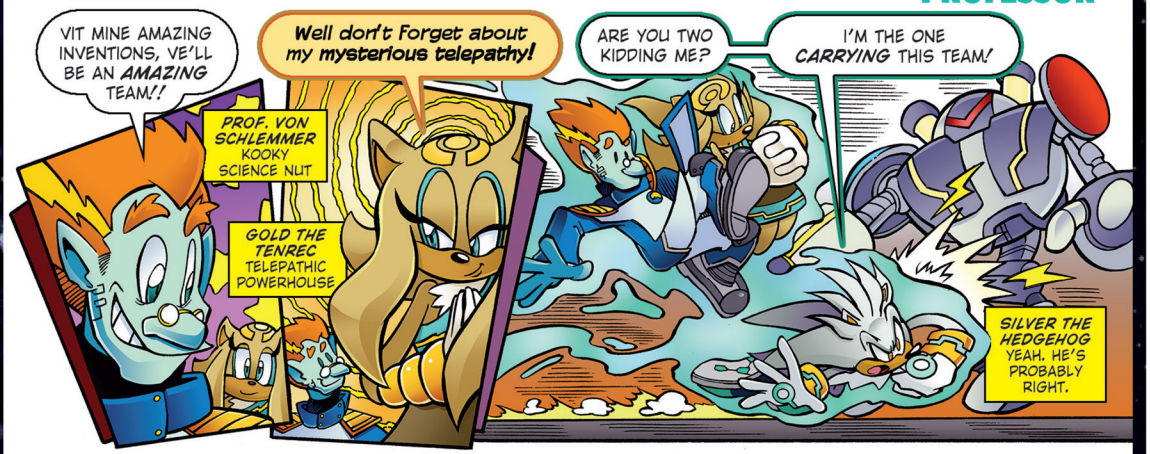
OFF PANEL TEAM psych

OR The HEDGEHOG, The TENREC And the NUTTY PROFESSOR


VIT MINE AMAZING INVENTIONS, VE'LL BE AN AMAZING TEAM!!
Well don't forget about my mysterious telepathy!
PROF. VON SCHLEMMER KOOKY SCIENCE NUT
GOLD THE TENREC TELEPATHIC POWERHOUSE
ARE YOU TWO KIDDING ME?
I'M THE ONE CARRYING THIS TEAM!
SILVER THE HEDGEHOG YEAH. HE'S PROBABLY RIGHT.

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Hiya, gang! Another issue means another letter column, so let's goooo~~~

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
HELLO THERE, PEOPLE! I'm kind of an old fan. My first comic was *Sonic* #232 and now you guys are almost at *Sonic* #300 and *Sonic Universe* #100! Congratulations! Anyway, I've got a few things that I want to ask!

Ask away, Sunshine (a super peppy name for a super peppy fan)! Let's see if I can answer all your questions...

1.Will Shadow and Blaze meet again soon and can they share a story arc together with Silver? They're my favorite characters!

We don't have any immediate plans for a Shadow/Blaze arc but you'll definitely be seeing them in the future! As for Silver, how are you liking "The Silver Age" so far? We think the team is doing a..."STERLING" job OOOHOHOHOPUNS!

2. PLEASE have Sonic and Amy get together! It would be so sweet!

We asked Sonic what he thought about this and, as far as we know, he's still running at mach 5 for the hills. Go fig...

3. WHERE ON EARTH DID TAILS DOLL COME FROM!? ***He's creepy!!!***

Tails Doll hails from Sonic R, the Sonic racing game for the Sega Saturn back in 1997! And we agree—as far as Eggman creations go—he's definitely one of the creepiest! That's why we love it so! ♥ ♥

Those are all my questions for today! Stay cool from a crazy Sonic fan!
Sunshine R.
sent from **Illinois**

Thank you for reading, Sunshine!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I am an aspiring artist starting his first year in college who is an also avid Sonic artist. One of the career paths I hope to follow is to become a comic artist and potentially work and contribute to your Sonic comics. The question I have is: what kind of degree/major is required or recommended to work as a comic artist? I would like to know so I can potentially plan my college career appropriately in order to meet any industry requirements. Any advice would be very much appreciated.
Rusty C. sent to
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This is an absolutely excellent question, Rusty! It's also one that many people ask us often!

****cracks knuckles* Let's see if we can help you, and all of our readers, out! If I can give you one piece of advice:***

BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS. Speaking as someone who went to art school and both majored and mastered in Computer Art, I won't lie and say my degree hasn't helped me advance in my career. Ultimately, it's up to you, how much time and effort you're willing to spend and how much material you're willing to learn and apply!

Pursue fields beyond just cartooning. Focus on classes that will allow you to hone and fine-tune your craft. Then, take what you've learned and apply that to your cumulative cartooning career! Classes you should definitely consider should be: Life drawing, 2D design, 3D design, graphic design and any business related classes you can take.

Study hard. There's more out there than your favorite characters! Employers want to know that you've got the social and working skills to do more than be a fan! Absorb everything! DRAW EVERYTHING! Keep an organized portfolio. Be professional. Deal with rejection gracefully. Master anatomy to the best of your ability. Learn how to market yourself. Know what you're worth! And, as always, stay positive!

We'll see you guys next month! Take care and good luck!

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